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Quotations from Miss Mason's
Letters to Mrs. Franklin

Roughly Classified.

JEWS

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C.
1905 (but undated)
DEarest, MADGE

About Madge's Saturday - I suppose she must not go into the class room? Presently perhaps you would like to write to Frl.H. and suggest that she should read some of her devotions with her?

On Sundays I thought she should read history and go for a long walk with one or another.

Will she come in to prayers? Frl.H. prefers to do so except on Sunday. But this is just as you like.

May the dear girl be happy with us! Anyway, you will be trustful and know that we do our best for her, I know.

.... Dear Love,

Yours ever

C.M.

Jan.20.08

...Yes, I am delighted that the dear girl has got a First -she has a most thorough knowledge of our principles and would be good for any sort of deputy work for you. ..

20.10.08

Dear Madge! I am sure she did capital work.
She has her heart in it, and knows!

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House of Education
Ambleside

14_2_14

My dearest!

What splendid thing you have done- you and Miss Parish!
I enclose Mr. David's letter to shew you how effectual your
persuasions have been. He is evidently strongly convinced.
If we get RUGBY we have got England!

God bless you dear and help you in this great work. It
was dear of you to write to me so soon. Of course I want
every little detail of who said what- and so on- but when
you come you will tell me more. How delightful that

P.S. Urge the importance of quantity as food stuff for
the mind. 'Mental training' is a fiction which has dis-
appeared with the 'faculties' Mr. David is very openminded
I think, so a definite and comprehensive reform wh. does
not come from Germany or Italy and wh. should make England
intellectually great, might be urged. But you know what
to say Dear far better than I can suggest.

I believe I ought not to come to come till after
the Conference - the pressure brightens
me, plus that paper! C.M.

Scale How

29.1.18.

high
notes

INCORPORATIONI am glad you are moving in the incorporation matter. Also a little bird tells me that Lady A is fostering new branches ever so. I am so glad, because some day, we hope to see each branch a sort of centre for the spiritual (including intellectual) profit of all classes in its neighbourhood

22.1.18

My dearest,

What a sweet letter you had written me, and there is not the ghost of a 'fly' left, but if my friend says such things about this person, people will say Lady A's geese are swans!

money

....One thing more, dear, besides my loving thanks: you say nothing about incorporating the Union. It would cost about £40 which I know you cannot afford with all the propagation expenses, but I cannot leave this place to any person for the present, must we not? In thier posts, students are responsible, and should be free from additional strain.

17.1.18

&&.What you really must do very soon is to become incorporated so that I may leave this properly to the Union.

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One word: state our theory and practice, but attack nothing-
be indignant at nothing. When people's minds are to be on
the defensive, they have no power to receive new ideas

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Lady Visitor and Mrs. Franklin

December 13 ..I have been correcting our prospectus

and had half a desire to beg you to be Visitor, but two whole desires not to do so, because I would not for the world let your visits have even a nominal official character - they are too personal and dear for that. So were Mrs. Dallas Yorke's, but the title was a survival. You know we began with a whole long list of Lords and Ladies as Vice Presidents etc quite the old fashioned thing wh. the dear late L.V. got for me, and when I crossed them out one fine day I left hers in because she knew it is not really official...

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